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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]
Legislative Liaison

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FROM: [redacted]
Nicaraguan Analyst, ALA/MCD/CAS

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SUBJECT: Briefing for Congressman Barnes

1. [redacted] met with Congressman Michael Barnes and two House Foreign Affairs staffers, Rob Kurz and George Ingram on Friday, 16 November. The briefing took place in the Congressman's office. [redacted]

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2. Mr. Barnes was interested in a description of the latest military deliveries to Nicaragua, status of the anti-Sandinista insurgency, our analysis of the recent Nicaraguan elections, and an assessment of opposition leader Arturo Cruz's political views as reported in a recent Washington Post article. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] provided Mr. Barnes with a detailed summary of recent deliveries from the Bulgarian and Soviet ships, Chirsto Botev and Bakuriani, focusing on the capabilities and potential uses of the delivered equipment. [redacted] described the status of current anti-Sandinista insurgent activity and prospects for the future of the movement. Turning to the political arena, [redacted] provided an assessment of the results of the Nicaraguan elections and international reaction to them. [redacted] also outlined Arturo Cruz's positions on dialogue with the regime and support for the anti-Sandinista insurgency. Both [redacted] offered comments on the Sandinistas' continuing efforts to export the revolution. [redacted]

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